

"The Sophisticated Ladies "

The Red Hat Society of SGC

January Luncheon 2004

Hello *Ladies*,

Jane and I would like to thank all the *Ladies* who joined us for our January luncheon, held on Friday the ninth at The Olde World Restaurant, North Port. Forty-four were in attendance. We had such a nice time. They let us use the cocktail lounge in the back which gave us a lot more room. We really needed it.

Queen Mother, Jane talked about upcoming events, and other business. I'm so glad she is back, she is so much better at it than I.

Lynda Graves gave us an update on "*Our First Annual Tea / our First Anniversary*, for **Feb 13**. Things are coming together for it. Lynda is doing a great job. If you haven't signed up to attend please do so. Charlotte Traxel is collecting the money. If you write out a check, make it payable to Jane Beckwith. Cash is always acceptable. Final sign up date is **Feb. 3**. If you attend the Homeowners meeting or the SGC Yacht Club meeting, Charlotte will be at the back table collecting money. The cost of the tea is **\$15**. which includes: hot tea, salad, sandwiches, pastries, scones, and birthday cake. **Also, to attend the Tea, you do not have to decorate a table, only if you want to.** Also there is a fashion show planned. Lynda is looking for volunteers to model some of the outfits supplied by Classy Closet. Please call Lynda and sign up.

Also it was decided to collect \$5 annually for charter membership and miscellaneous expenses. *Our Charter* membership in the *National Red Hat Society* is due for renewal in March. Charlotte will also be collecting that money.

Our *January birthday Ladies* are: **Diann Crossman, Pat Hawley, Pat Eberly, Judy Taylor, and Ellie Vollmer.** We enjoyed birthday

cake, marble, with chocolate pudding filling, buttercream icing, red and purple trim. *Happy Birthday Ladies!!* If I missed your name, please let me know.

Charlotte Traxel held the 50/50, which was won by **Annie Osborne**; the orchid was won by **Wendy Burnett**. The new foster mom for *Lady Annie*, our mascot Red Hat Bear, is **Ruth Brosmer**. Word is out that Lady Annie just loves it on Viscount Circle. Congrats Ladies. I also heard by a reliable source that our mascot is having a make-over. Can't wait to see her.

Comforting words out to **Mary Bayless**, who could not attend our luncheon Friday because she is recovering from an auto accident. It was bad enough that she experience the accident but during the ordeal someone lifted her watch and her money. What a bummer!!! Feel better Mary.

The following Ladies need to pick a secret pal: **Veronica Anderson, Pat Eberly, Ida Paradise, Patty Redmond, and Luciana Dutcher**. Please get in touch with me to do so.

Upcoming Events: Feb. 13. Our Tea.

March 12, Johnny Leverocks, Placida.

April 7, Broadway Palm, Fort Myers, \$35 buffet and show, Jane Beckwith is collecting money, to be paid by **March 1.**

May 14: Trying to get a group together for Selby Gardens.

Jane and I would like to thank **Charlotte Traxel** for taking care of collecting money for our tea party, charter membership money, etc. We certainly appreciated it. We have given her a title, she will now be know as "*Princess Charlotte*" in charge of monies.

Fondly,

Judith B. McElwaine, Vice Mother aka Lady

Orchid, and

Our Queen Mother, Jane Beckwith,